Mly court reserves order in vehicle snatching case

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KARACHI, Jan 1: In two cases of car and taxi snatching two separate military courts reserved their final orders after the accused were asked whether they had anything to say in mitigation.

In Court No 7, the three accused Mohammad Arif, son of Abdul Waheed of Shahdad Kot, district Larkana; Abdullah of village Kachi Phal, Balochistan; and Manzoor Hussain of Kandhkot, district Jacobabad, pleaded for mercy. They were accused of snatching a Honda Civic car (No U-2613) on gun point in Block 2, Gulshan-i-Iqbal, from its owner Faisal Baig.

The investigation officer of the police, Sub Inspector Malik Ghulam Haider, said two more cases of car snatching in Nazimabad and Steel Town are pending against one of the accused and he is on bail in both the cases.

Earlier, the prosecution and defence counsel submitted their written arguments and then the court presided over by Lt-Col Sarfaraz Khan Tanoli, adjourned for announcement of judgment.

In Court No 8, presided over by Lt-Col Razaq Zia, after the conclusion of evidence the accused Babar Lodhi was asked whether he had anything to say in mitigation of his sentence. To this he said he was the only bread earner of the family, consisting of parents in their old age and four unmarried sisters. He pleaded for mercy.

His co-accused, Muzzafar Khanzada was not asked any such question, which suggested he had not been found guilty of the charges. Both the accused were charged with the murder of Asif Ali, son of Roshan Ali of Malir. They were also charged with the hijacking of the taxi of Ahmed Ali, which was used for the dumping of the body. The body was found by the police.

The Court No 3, presided over by Lt-Col Mazhar Ali, examined six witnesses in the case involving murder of Mohammad Ilyas Ranta, son of Ahmed Ranta, resident of Federal 'B' Area.

Shahzad Ahmed son of Pervaiz Ahmed is facing trial and the co-accused in the case Mohammad Ramzan, son of Pehalwan, a resident of Nusrat Bhutto Colony, North Nazimabad, is absconding.

The witnesses examined were Sub Inspector of police, Inspector Shabbir Hussain Shah, Investigation Officer, Mohammad Saqlain of New Karachi Police station, Head Constable Syed Akhtar Hussain, ASI Zulfiqar Qaim Khani and Head Constable Taj.

On Saturday morning a medical doctor and a judicial magistrate will be examined.

In Court No 2, presided over by Lt-Col Mohammad Ali, three witnesses were examined, Inspector Asghar Ali Shah, Investigation Officer of Gulshan-i-Iqbal PS, Dr Rahman Mirza of AKUH and the accused, Mohammad Saleem himself.

The accused is charged with committing robbery at gun point of a Toyota Corolla car (No R-8702), cash and wrist watches from Arshad Hussain, Abid Ali, Siddique Rehmani and Farooq Niazi while they were sitting in Shamayle Centre in Block 13 of Gulshan-i-Iqbal.

The accused — Saleem son of Mohammad Sardar, a resident of Chak No 202 R.B. Faisalabad — is facing six charges.

The Court No 1, presided over by Lt-Col Tanvir Shaheen, examined a judicial magistrate Luqman Sayeed Memon, who had arranged the identification parade in his court on Dec 2 in the case against Nadeem Shahpar. In this case, there are two absconders, Fahim Lamba and Guddu.

The charge against the arrested accused and two absconders was that on June 24 they killed Anees Khan, son of Hanif Khan, by firing and all the accused have been charged under an offence punishable under Section 7 of the Anti Terrorism Act, 1997, read with Section 34 of PPC.

The second charge is that in furtherance of their common intentions caused the death of Anees Khan, son of Hanif Khan, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 302 read with Section 34 of the PPC. The case has been registered at Korangi Police Station.